



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

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**October 27, 2017**

**Waiver 17-09-016**

Pursuant to § 19A-12(b)(1)(B) of the Public Ethics Law, a public employee may not be employed by a business that negotiates or contracts with the County agency with which the public employee is affiliated, unless the Ethics Commission grants a waiver.

Christopher Jarvis is a Firefighter/EMT III at the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services (MCFRS). Mr. Jarvis would like to engage in outside employment as a mobile service technician with Mid-Atlantic Rescue Systems Inc. (Mid-Atlantic), an entity which has a minor contract as a vendor to MCFRS.

As a Firefighter/EMT III, Mr. Jarvis serves as an emergency responder to fire, rescue and medical emergencies. He has no contracting or procurement responsibilities in his position with MCFRS.

In his role as a mobile service technician with Mid-Atlantic, Mr. Jarvis is a certified Holmatro brand hydraulic rescue tool service technician. MCFRS does not currently utilize such tools made by Holmatro. Further, Mr. Jarvis's service area as a mobile technician encompasses western Maryland, northern Virginia, and West Virginia, and it does not include Montgomery County, Maryland. His salary is paid through service contracts with companies and organizations within his service area. The minor contract MCFRS has with Mid-Atlantic totaled less than \$1,500 for equipment and services.

Pursuant to § 19A-8(b)(3) of the Public Ethics Law, the Ethics Commission may grant a waiver of the prohibition of § 19A-12(b) if the Ethics Commission concludes that the proposed employment is not likely to create an actual conflict of interest. Upon a review of the request and the Department's concurrence in and support for the waiver request, the Commission finds that there is no actual conflict of interest. Pursuant to the standard of § 19A-8(b)(3), the Commission grants the waiver of the prohibition of § 19A-12(b).

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This waiver is issued on the conditions that Mr. Jarvis will not service any MCFRS equipment in his outside capacity and that he not be involved in selling any apparatus or equipment to MCFRS on behalf of Mid-Atlantic.

This waiver expires when the outside employment approval with which it is associated expires, unless a continuation request for outside employment is timely filed and subsequently approved by the Ethics Commission.

In reaching this decision, the Commission has relied upon the facts as presented by Mr. Jarvis.

For the Commission:



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Steven Rosen, Chair